

IB History 11 - Summer Assignment

Select a biography of a US president and read it. It must be a book, either in print or electronic form, of at least 200 pages (or approximately 100,000 words). In essay form (introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion) provide **five** detailed reasons why you rate your president as either great, near great, average or below average.

For example, if you choose a book on President John F. Kennedy, you might rate him as a near great president because he was successful in terms of the Cuban Missile Crisis, but not as successful with the Bay of Pigs. Remember that presidents generally are made great by great events, as evidenced by Lincoln with the Civil War or FDR with the Great Depression and World War II.

Final Paper Requirements:

- typed, using either Times New Roman or Arial, 12 point font and 1” margins all around, double spaced
- use MLA citation style with both “in text” citation of information and a “Works Cited” page at the end that includes the bibliographic information for your book
- content must show a thorough grasp of the 5 reasons for your evaluation, giving 3-5 examples or indicators for **each** reason
- proofread the paper yourself and then have someone else proofread your paper. A final paper free of spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors is expected standard.

Submit the paper electronically (via email) to Mr. Stack or Ms. Muzdakis (depending on who your 11th grade IB teacher is): paul_stack@eastiron.monroe.edu or Kathleen_muzdakis@eastiron.monroe.edu. You may submit a draft of your paper by August 12, 2015 and your teacher will email you back with suggestions for improvement. Final papers are due September 10, 2015.

If you have any questions over the summer, please email the teacher.